

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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CULTIVATION OF GANJA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of unauthorized cultivation of Ganja in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to check such cultivation of Ganja?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): India's climate is conducive for wild and spontaneous growth of ganja and known to be cultivated in some parts of the country. Cultivation of ganja is being illegal activity no data can be complied.

(c): Government of India has taken a number of steps to check the cultivation of ganja. As and when any ganja cultivation comes to the notice of the Drug law enforcement agencies it is destroyed. Details of area under illicit cultivation/wild growth destroyed in the last three years is as under:

2001 2002 2003

Area in Acres 123 340 2620

Narcotics Control Bureau has urged all the States to conduct surveys to identify areas of illicit cannables cultivation. NCB has also urged the States to constitute coordination committee under the Chief Secretary for drawing up Action Plans for eradication of illicit cultivation and combat drug trafficking and addiction in a coordinated manner.